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MSG review of the outcomes and impact of the EITI

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Introduction

Regular disclosure of extractive industry data is of little practical use without public awareness, understanding of what the figures mean, and public debate about how resource revenues can be used effectively. The EITI Requirements related to outcomes and impact seek to ensure that stakeholders are engaged in dialogue about natural resource revenue management. EITI disclosures lead to the fulfilment of the EITI Principles by contributing to wider public debate. It is also vital that lessons learnt during implementation are acted upon, that recommendations from EITI implementations are considered and acted on where appropriate and that EITI implementation is on a stable, sustainable footing.

The multi-stakeholder group may use this template to monitor the outcomes and impact of EITI implementation. Where information is already available elsewhere, it is sufficient to include a link to other publicly available documentation. The scope of this template reflects EITI Requirement 1.5 on work plan and Requirements 7.1 to 7.4 on outcomes and impact.

The MSG is required to review the outcomes and impact of EITI implementation annually (Requirement 7.4). The MSG is encouraged to update this document annually to monitor progress, keep track of efforts to improve data accessibility and inform work planning.

To inform Validation, the MSG is required to submit the completed form to the International Secretariat Validation team by the Validation commencement date. The period captured in this review may be the period since the previous Validation or the previous calendar/fiscal year. The MSG should clearly indicate the period covered by its review.

The MSG's annual review of the outcomes and impact of EITI implementation should be publicly available, and stakeholders beyond MSG members should have an opportunity to provide feedback on the EITI process (Requirement 7.4).

Part I: Relevance of EITI implementation

Work plan (Requirement 1.5)

1. Basic information about the current EITI work plan.

Period covered by the current EITI work plan	<i>[2019 TO 2021]</i>
Information on how the public can access the work plan.	<i>[www.mweiti.mw , Mweiti Secretariat Office And Partners]</i>
Process for producing the current EITI	<i>[Conducted MWEITI Office drafting workplan]</i>

work plan	<i>workshop, made consultations with International EITI IS, Had MSG workshop with Consultant Rena, Final draft was validated by MSG through the MSG meeting Minutes number 28 . The final work plan was approved after MSG comments]</i>
MSG approval of the work plan	<i>[9th June 2021 at Bingu Conference Centre MSG Meeting. Refer to Meeting Minutes number MINUTES/MSG/2021/28]</i>

2. Explain how the work plan's objectives reflect national priorities for the extractive industry. Provide links to supporting documentation, such as studies or national development plans, if available.

The basis and the pillars upon which the 2021/2022 Work Plan and other previous workplans are formulated are the 4 strategic objective Areas which were delived from National Economic Strategy MGDS which has been changing names and now 2063 National Vision, 10 Years Economic Goals etc. These areas of Strategic Plan are namely:

- Result area 1: Increased sector contribution to GDP;
- Result area 2: Improved extractives sector growth and performance;
- Result area 3: Improved information, openness, awareness on issues of extractive industries; and,
- Result area 4: Enhanced capacity of MWEITI *and its stakeholders* to implement EITI Standards.

These links are in the 2021/2022 Approved Annual Workplan which is available on the website www.mweiti.mw.

3. Optional question: Has the MSG developed a theory of change on how EITI implementation will address the identified challenges of the sector in your country? If yes, please reference the corresponding document here.

Yes and No.

There is no separate document on the theory of change on how EITI Implementation will be addressed. However, the MSG terms of reference (ToRs) is enshrined with written provisions on

how to address various EITI requirement Implementations.

Monitoring progress

4. Provide an overview of activities undertaken in the period under review and progress in achieving the objectives of the previous work plan. The MSG is encouraged to provide a summary here and to document progress in more detail in the work plan itself.

1. Malawi EITI Reports productions

- ✓ The workplan usually includes the activities to to achieve EITI reports production. Since 2019 MWEITI has achieved production of 3 EITI reports beside various challnegs of financing and COVID-19 pandemic. Reports avaiable on www.mweiti.mw.

2. Dissemination and Communication

- ✓ The objective of EITI report is to disseminate ad communicate the findings. During the period under review the National Secretariat and MSG together with partners conducted community sensitization and engagements workshops reports avaiable attached, TV and Radio shows, breaking of reports into summaries and translation into local languages for distributions. Media house sensitization of report workshops.

3. MSG meetings

- ✓ Bringing MSG together to made resoltions and discuss matters. There were a number of MSG meetings done on physical and virtually. Minutes of meetings attached and avaiable on the website.

The summary of progress in the previous workplan is documented in the 2020 Annual Activities Progress report which is avaiable on the MWEITI website. www.mweiti.mw.

[Summarise progress in implementing the previous work plan. Provide a link to the previous work plan with a more detailed analysis of progress in undertaking planned activities and achieving each objective or attach it to this submission.]

5. Provide an overview of the multi-stakeholder group’s responses to and progress made in addressing the recommendations from EITI reporting and Validation and gaps in information in accordance with Requirement 7.3.

The multi-stakeholder group is required to list each recommendation and the corresponding activities that have been undertaken to address the recommendations and the level of progress in implementing each recommendation. Where the government or the multi-stakeholder group has decided not to implement a recommendation, it is required that the multi-stakeholder group documents the rationale.

Recommendation:	Status/progress:
Use the Collective action Matrix submitted (Attached)	<i>[Has the recommendation been partly or fully addressed? How is the MSG following up on the recommendation? Has the MSG identified an agency or actor responsible for addressing the recommendation? If the MSG has decided not to implement the recommendation, please document the rationale.]</i>
<i>(add rows as necessary)</i>	

6. How have lessons learned from EITI implementation informed the current work plan?

1. Inclusion of EITI report production into the National Budget rather than relying on donars.
2. Institutionalization of MWEITI National Secretariat into the Ministry functional structure of Government due to failure to return MWEITI officers and problem in securing funding.
3. Inclusion of Monitoring matrix and use of Result Based Workplan.
4. Inclusion of formulation of MSG handbook or Manual on MSG members code of conduct.
5. Inclusion of development of the MSG Corruption strategy to guide MSG on how to handle future corruption allegations and other corruption matters

Innovations and impact

7. Summarise any steps taken by the MSG to exceed EITI Requirements in a way that addresses national or local extractive sector governance priorities.

1. Additional of Forestry Sector in the EITI reconciliation resulting in more information being available on the forest sector which was not the case before. Minutes of MSG available on www.mweiti.mw
2. Additional of Oil and Gas sector in 2020. Minutes of MSG of December 2019 resolution.
3. Reporting of corruption allegations in the licensing of the Ilomba Mine License. The letter of MSG to Anti-Corruption Beureau attached and available in the 4th EITI report, last annex.
4. The use of Local consultant as an Independent Administrator to conduct EITI report writing and reconciliation.

8. What kind of outcomes and impact have these measures resulted during the period under review?

1. *The development of Forest cadaster and Forest national head office. The process underway for all forest station to be online.*
2. *The inclusion of forest sector has resulted in more transparency and accountability in the sector. Data available on forest contribution and policy matters. This information is available in 3rd 4th and 5th EITI Reports.*
3. *More transparency in the Oil and Gas sector leading to availability of information about Oil and Gas in the EITI reports.*
4. *The follow up on Corruption allegation and writing of the Anti Corruption Beaur (ACB) has lead to the investigations of the case and shortly people involved will be answering charges. This is reported in the 5th EITI report. Attached.*
5. *The use of local consultatnt as an Independent Administrator has led to reduced cost of production of EITI reports by almost half. This has also led to Local capacity building which was not there before.*

The MSG tracks outputs , Outcomes and Impactss through Production of Annual Activities progress reports available on the website. www.mweiti.mw. The MSG also use EITI reports to assess the outcome. For example the 4th EITI report includes progress in the implemenetaion of the previous recommendations and the validation report.

[Explain how the MSG tracks outputs, outcomes and impact and include link(s) to any relevant

documents. Summarise the outcomes and impact of efforts to ensure that EITI implementation addresses national or local extractive sector priorities. If the MSG has documented this elsewhere, please provide a link to relevant documents. Outcomes and impact can be disaggregated by constituency or beneficiary group, if relevant.]]

8b. If the MSG has plans to include new issues or approaches to EITI implementation, please describe these.

Not yet. N/A

9. What kind of outcomes and impact are these plans expected to result in?

N/A

10. Summarise the MSG's efforts to strengthen the impact of EITI implementation in the period under review, including any actions to extend the detail and scope of EITI reporting or to increase engagement with stakeholders. The MSG is encouraged to document how it has taken gender considerations and inclusiveness into account.

- 1. MSG resolution and agreement to include Forests companies representative in the MSG and also extending the EITI reconciliation into the Forest sector. Minutes available attached,**
- 2, The MSG also extended membership to Oil and Gas companies. Minutes available and letters of incorporation attached.**
- 3. There is a policy to have a gender balance in the MSG memberships. When the names are**

being submitted the requirement is that either a Member of an Altanete must be a female.

4. The MSG has also approved the Annual work Plan which include an activity to develop a Gender mainstreaming study in EITI in order to come up with MWEITI Gender Policy.

Part II: Public debate

Open data (Requirement 7.2)

11. Open data policy and disclosures

Provide a link to the open data policy agreed by the MSG (Requirement 7.2.a)	The MWEITI Open Data Policy is available at the website www.mweiti.mw <i>[Add link(s) to relevant open data policy(ies) and any commentary.]</i>
Is EITI data available in open data format and publicised? (Requirement 7.2.b)	Yes www.mweiti.mw <i>[EITI data refers to disclosures within the scope of the EITI Standard, including the tables, charts and figures from EITI reports.]</i>
Has the MSG identified gaps in the availability of EITI data in open format? If yes, what kind of gaps? (Requirement 7.2.b)	Not yet
Has the MSG undertaken efforts to improve the availability of data in open format? If yes, please describe these. (Requirement 7.2.b)	Yes, MSG formulated and developed a open data policy. MSG also include the provision of data in

	open format in the IA terms of Reference.
Have summary data files been completed for each fiscal year for which data has been disclosed? (Requirement 7.2.c)	No, Some years data files were not provided by the IA.
What systematically disclosed data that is in the scope of EITI disclosures is machine readable and inter-operable? (Requirement 7.2.d)	1. The Mining and exploration licenses (Mining Cadastre portol. 2. Location of mining Licenses

Outreach and communications (Requirement 7.1)

12. Describe the MSG's efforts in the period under review to ensure that information published about the extractive sector is comprehensible and available in appropriate languages.

- 1) The EITI reports were summarised and translated into local languages and published and shared.
- 2) The MSG before any EITI report is produced. They develop the IA Terms of Reference which is also approved by the MSG. This helps to have a comprehensive report.

13. Describe examples of use of EITI data.

Attached Document (Waiting for submission from the CSOs and stakeholders)

[Document instances of use of EITI data in various formats, whether from MSG members or any stakeholders. Examples of types of EITI data use could include:

- Print and broadcast media coverage of stories referencing EITI data
- Research and analytical studies drawing on EITI data
- Advocacy and lobbying notes referencing EITI data

- Parliamentary submissions or proceedings drawing on EITI data
- Etc.

Provide links to supporting evidence where available.]

Anecdotal evidence can also be recorded, for instance in the following way:

[This person / group] has used [type of data in the scope of EITI disclosures] to do [what the data was used for / what problem did it solve.]

14. Provide information about outreach events organised to spread awareness of and facilitate dialogue about governance of extractive resources, building on EITI disclosures.

Event name	Brief description of the event	Date	Location	Organiser	Number and type of attendees	Links to further information
1. Karonga Mining community dissemination workshop	Dissemination of EITI report finding	Feb 2020	Karonga	National Secretariat and Karonga CSOs namely FOCUS and CCJP.	About 300 and Attendee included Community Leaders, Change agents,	Report attached
2. Rumphi Mining community Dissemination Workshop	Dissemination of EITI report finding	Feb 2020	Rumphi	National Secretariat and Karonga CSOs namely Church & Society.	About 300 and Attendee included Community Leaders, Change agents,	Report available attached
Phalombe Outreach	Dissemination of EITI report finding	Feb 2020	Phalombe	National Secretariat	About 200	Report available

	and COVI-19 assessment			and CEPA		CEPA
4. Media Taskforce Report sensitization workshop	Report dissemination to major media houses	2019 2020 2021	Salima Salima Dowa	National Secretariat	25 participants	Reports attached
5. Radio and TV panel discussion	EITI dissemination	2020 2021	Lilongwe	OXFAM/CEPA/NCA/NRJN/NS	5 panelists	Reports
6. Mining Indaba and workshop presentation	EITI dissemination	2019 2020 2021	Salima Mangochi	CEPA/MEJN/NRJN	50 people	Reports/Partners websites
7. EITI report Dissemination to CSOs outside MSG members	EITI dissemination	2020	Mponela	NS/NRJN	30 people	Reports
<i>[Add rows as necessary]</i>						

15. Describe the MSG efforts in the period under review to consider access challenges and information needs of data users, including different genders and subgroups of citizens.

1. Publishing of the EITI reports on the websites
2. Sumarizing of EITI reports into smaller versions easy to lead
- 3., Producing brochures for specific topics in the reports for distribution
4. The documents are distributed to stakeholders freely.
5. EOTI reports are interpreted into major local languages and distributed in the local communities and shared with stakeholders

6. Community outreach programs.

16. Describe other efforts by the MSG in the period under review to ensure that information is widely accessible and distributed.

1. The MSG has produced summary reports, thematic reports which was shared.
2. The New MSG has gone through orientation workshop.
3. The Media task force has undergone training and capacity building exercise through an training workshop conducted in Salima. Reports are available.
- 4, Development and review of the 5 years EITI communication strategy. The document available on the Mweiti website. www.mweiti.mw .

[Document whether the MSG has

- *produced summary reports, thematic reports or other analysis that is accessible, concise and easily understood by target audiences;*
- *summarised and compared the share of each revenue stream to the total amount of revenue that accrues to each respective level of government.*
- *undertake capacity-building efforts, especially with civil society and through civil society organisations, to improve understanding of the information and data from the reports and online disclosures and encourage use of the information by citizens, the media and others.*

Provide links to supporting evidence.]

17. How could the MSG improve the accessibility and distribution of information, considering the needs of different subgroups of citizens?

There is a need to revise and improve the MWEITI five years communication strategy which expires in 2022. The communication strategy need to include morden methods of

communication like twitters, facebook and whatsapp. In the 2021/2022 Annual Work Plan the MSG has made an effort to include the activity to revise the communication strategy.

Part III: Sustainability and effectiveness

18. The MSG is requested to present any additional information and evidence related to the indicators for assessing the sustainability and effectiveness of EITI implementation.

Each indicator will be assigned 0, 0.5 or 1 points by the EITI Board. The points will be added to the overall score of the country. The assessment of performance on the indicators will draw on information provided by the MSG, publicly available sources, stakeholder consultations and disclosures by the implementing country and companies. Please see the EITI Validation Guide for further information about how performance on these indicators will be assessed.

- I. EITI implementation addresses nationally relevant extractive sector governance challenges. This indicator also recognises efforts beyond the EITI Standard.

[Add MSG response and additional information/evidence.]

1. Institutionalization of EITI by incorporating it in the functional review of the Ministry of Finance. Ministry of functional review already approved and recruitment underway.
2. Developing of the Corruption strategy included in the Annual workplan. This will help MSG to handle issues to do with corruption in the extractive sector.

- II. Extractive sector data is disclosed systematically through routine government and corporate reporting.

[Add MSG response and additional information/evidence]

The MSG is encouraging Reporting entities to undertake EITI mainstreaming. The MSG included in the Workplan an activity to undertake the EITI mainstreaming study to inform how the reporting entities shall systematically disclose. The Terms of Reference were drafted and awaits approvals. Draft ToR for Mainstreaming attached,

- III. There is an enabling environment for citizen participation in extractive sector governance, including participation by affected communities.

[Add MSG response and additional information/evidence.]

The MSG promotes inclusive approach in the te formulation of the strategies. It encourages consultations and involvement of all relevant institutions and stakeholders in the processes. Like during Report validation a National Stakeholders Workshop is conducted where all key people are invited without prejudice.

- IV. Extractive sector data is accessible and used for analysis, research and advocacy.

[Add MSG response and additional information/evidence]

- 1) Reports and data are posted on the website
- 2) Reports are shared with all stakeholders including libraries of academic institutions.

- V. EITI has informed changes in extractive sector policies or practices. s

[Add MSG response and additional information/evidence]

Participates in TV and Radio panel discussions

Part IV: Stakeholder feedback and MSG approval

19. Describe opportunities provided to stakeholders beyond MSG members to give feedback on the EITI process, including the EITI work plan.

- 1) National Stakeholders EITI reports validation workshops
- 2) EITI report consultation and dissemination to CSOs and takeholders beyomd MSG is conducted.

20. Describe how any feedback from stakeholders beyond MSG members have been considered in the review of the outcomes and impact of EITI implementation.

1. Suggestions from stakeholders obtained through community outreach and special meetings were documented and submitted to MSG. MSG took up those proposals with relevant Institutions for some reforms example is recruting and fielding Officers in major mining districts. It was presented in the Karonga outreach workshop. Later the MSG were informed and the Ministry took up the initiative. Currently the ministry adopted the initiative though the recruitment is yet to be finalized.

21. Date of MSG approval of this submission and information on how the public can access it, e.g. link to national EITI website.

30th December 2021

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